

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**RS22000**

For any public construction, repair and maintenance work the current law requires that ninety-five percent (95%) of a contractor's employees must be bona-fide residents of Idaho. This provision restrains a governmental entity's ability to pursue procurement of new and innovative construction, repair and maintenance work that is conducted in other states. In a growing number of instances, Idaho contractors are not qualified or experienced in new methods or techniques that are being utilized and benefiting other states. For local government entities, this legislation would create a narrow exception to the current law and authorize the procurement of construction, repair and maintenance work from an out-of-state contractor as a sole source only when there is no contractor in Idaho.

FISCAL NOTE

No Fiscal Impact to the General Fund.

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